

**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

The Williamsburg Regional Library consists of a bookmobile and two buildings—the James City County Library on Croaker Road and the Williamsburg Library on Scotland Street and offers a wide range of materials for adults and children. In addition to books, the library provides audiobooks on cassette and CD, feature and non-feature videos and DVDs, music CDs, in addition to several specialty collections. The library also provides access to numerous online computer resources through its public access computers. Librarians are available to assist users, at our buildings and remotely via phone or e-mail. The Bookmobile brings library resources to community members who cannot access the library buildings. The library also provides a homebound service, delivering materials to those unable to take advantage of the Bookmobile. The library offers an assortment of programs for children and adults, including story times, library tours, computer classes, and book discussions. The library hosts the acclaimed Dewey Decibel Concert Series, regular films, exhibits, and other events. The Williamsburg Library has three meeting rooms and a 268-seat theater, the James City County Library has two meeting rooms, a computer lab, and the 90-seat Kitzinger Community Room. Through formal partnerships with 26 local organizations the library extends its reach into the community, attracting new users and expanding access to library services.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

		<u>FY 03 Budget</u>	<u>FY 04 Adopted Plan</u>	<u>FY 04 Adopted</u>
Regional Library System & Arts Center	\$	<u>3,539,586</u>	\$ <u>3,705,796</u>	\$ <u>3,637,976</u>
<u>Total Regional Library System Budget:</u>				
		<u>FY 03 Budget</u>	<u>FY 04 Adopted Plan</u>	<u>FY 04 Adopted</u>
County	\$	3,539,586	\$ 3,705,796	\$ 3,637,976
City		713,702	747,175	738,273
Other		820,505	820,504	751,019
Total	\$	<u>5,073,793</u>	\$ <u>5,273,475</u>	\$ <u>5,127,268</u>

**BUDGET COMMENTS**

The proposed funding for the Regional Library System provides for the operation of both the Williamsburg and Norge branches. Beginning in FY 2000, the contract between the City and the County for library services changed. A key provision in the revised contract brought library employees under the County's personnel and pay plans.

The County contribution to the Library is \$3,637,976. This amount fully funds the Library's request, allowing for the expected increase in health insurance rates, and an overall merit increase of 3.5 percent. Operational expenses and acquisitions have been decreased to accommodate the \$80,624 decrease in State funding.

The City/County percentage is calculated on the basis of FY 2002 circulation, and results in the following funding percentages: City – 16.87 percent; County – 83.13 percent.